

<div> <div>JANUARY 2017 UPDATE</div> <div> MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  GRANTS and LOANS FOR NATURAL RESOURCE ACTIVITIES </div> </div>				
Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Award Amount	Deadline
<b>RENEWABLE RESOURCE PROJECT GRANTS</b>	Projects that conserve, manage, develop or protect Montana's renewable resources.	State, local, & Tribal governments	Up to \$125,000 per project.	Application deadline 5pm May 15th, 2018 Submit applications online at <a href="http://www.fundingmt.org">www.fundingmt.org</a>
<b>RENEWABLE RESOURCE PLANNING GRANTS</b>	Planning efforts for projects that conserve, manage, develop, or preserve renewable resources in Montana.	State, local, & Tribal governments	up to \$15,000 per project.	Application deadline 5pm March 31, 2017 Submit applications online at <a href="http://www.fundingmt.org">www.fundingmt.org</a>
<b>EMERGENCY GRANTS AND LOANS</b>	Emergency projects that will cause substantial damages or legal liability to the entity seeking assistance.	State, local, & Tribal governments	As determined by need. Typically less than \$30,000.	Apply anytime.
<b>WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANTS</b>	Watershed related planning and management activities that conserve, develop, manage or preserve Montana's renewable resources and support a water management plan.	State, local, & Tribal governments.	Up to \$20,000. Non-profits require a 75% match	Application deadline 5pm March 15, 2017 Submit applications online at <a href="http://www.fundingmt.org">www.fundingmt.org</a>
<b>IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS</b>	Projects that increase irrigation efficiencies, expand or sustain irrigated acreage, Increase production of high-value crops, improve inter-basin cooperation among water users	Private and public entities	Up to \$20,000 private entities require a 75% match.	Availability to be announced June 2017 Submit applications online at <a href="http://www.fundingmt.org">www.fundingmt.org</a>
<b>GRANTS TO PRIVATE ENTITIES</b>	Projects that conserve, manage, develop or protect Montana's water resources.	Individuals, associations, or corporations	25 percent of the project cost up to \$5,000	Availability to be announced June 2017
<b>RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT GRANTS</b>	Projects that repair, reclaim, and mitigate environmental damage to public resources from non-renewable resource extraction. Also funds projects that meet a crucial state need in the protection of Montana's environment.	State, local, & Tribal governments	Up to \$500,000	Application deadline 5pm May 15, 2018
<b>RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANTS</b>	Planning efforts for projects that are eligible for Reclamation and Development program grants.	State, local & Tribal governments	Up to \$50,000 per planning project	Application deadline 5pm December 20, 2016 Consult grants and loans website for more application opportunities in 2017 and for application form.
<b>AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL</b>	For the prevention, control, and management of aquatic invasive species.	State, local and Tribal governments	Up to \$15,000 for most projects.	Consult grants and loans website for application opportunities in 2017.

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<b>SEPTIC LOAN GRANTS</b>	Grants to counties to be used for low interest loans to individuals to repair or replace individual waste management systems that threaten water quality.	Counties	Up to \$50,000. County must have a 50% match	Application deadline 5pm February 28, 2017. Must apply through webgrants at <a href="http://www.fundingmt.org">www.fundingmt.org</a>
<b>PRIVATE WATER DEVELOPMENT LOANS</b>	Water development projects such as upgrading irrigation systems and developing rural water supplies.	Individuals, partnerships & associations	Up to \$400,000	Apply anytime
<b>RENEWABLE RESOURCE LOANS TO PUBLIC ENTITIES</b>	Low interest loans for projects that conserve, manage, develop or protect Montana's renewable resources are eligible for funding.	State, local, & Tribal governments	Up to the ability to repay the loan.	RRGL public loans: 5pm May 15, 2018 RRGL Emergency loans: contact Bob Fischer (444-6688) <a href="mailto:rfischer@mt.gov">rfischer@mt.gov</a>
<b>STATE REVOLVING FUND LOANS</b>	Fund activities that protect water quality through wastewater and drinking water system improvements.	Local governments & water and sewer districts	in amounts up to the ability to repay	Apply anytime
<b>RANGE IMPROVEMENT LOANS</b>	Develop and improve private rangeland to benefit natural resources. Typical projects include fencing, seeding, & stock water supply	Private landowner	Up to \$75,000 @ 3% interest for 10 years.	Apply anytime.
<b>CONSERVATION DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT GRANT</b>	Provides funds to increase conservation district employee's hours to assist in planning, securing funding, and implementing programs that improve public outreach, administrative capabilities, and implement conservation plans.	Conservation Districts	Up to \$10,000	January 16, 2017 April 26, 2017
<b>CONSERVATION DISTRICT 223 GRANTS</b>	Any project sponsored by a Montana conservation district under its authority.	Conservation Districts	Up to \$20,000	January 16, 2017 April 26, 2017
<b>CONSERVATION DISTRICT EDUCATION MINI-GRANTS</b>	Student and Adult Education projects that focus on water, weeds, or other natural resources.	Must be sponsored by a Conservation District	\$500	January 16, 2017 April 26, 2017
<b>SAGE GROUSE HABITAT CONSERVATION</b>	Projects that contribute to mitigation efforts to offset impacts of development in sage grouse habitat.	State, local & Tribal govt. & some private organizations	Variable	Consult Sage Grouse website for grant opportunities and more information about applicant eligibility and application requirements: <a href="https://sagegrouse.mt.gov/">https://sagegrouse.mt.gov/</a>

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